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GIRLS IN BLUE RETURN WEDNESDAY

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE I. I. AND C. BEGAN ON LAST WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Attendance, as Usual, Will be Very Large, More than Eight Hundred Applications Having Been Received So Far.

The twenty-second annual session of the Industrial Institute and College opened on Wednesday morning, and as usual the attendance was very large. Applications from more than eight hundred young ladies have already been received, and the attendance will be limited only by the capacity of the dormitories, which will be filled to overflowing.

President Whitfield has just returned from a business trip to Jackson and other cities, and since reaching Columbus has been busily engaged in preparing for the opening. He has decided to send representatives of the college to the various junction points to meet the young ladies and to look after the transfer of baggage. Winona, Tupelo and Meridian are the principal junction points at which the young ladies will be called upon to change cars in making the trip to Columbus, and Prof. Lipscomb, Prof. Hughes and Capt. Nelson will go to these three points for the purpose of meeting the young ladies and will attend to the transfer of their baggage and render whatever assistance may be required.

Prof. J. W. Bell, who since the death of Prof. J. M. Barrow has occupied the chair of mathematics at the college, has tendered his resignation to accept a position as assistant in mathematics at the University of Mississippi, and has already gone to Oxford to assume the duties of his new position. Prof. Hughes, who was recently elected dean of the normal department, has been transferred to the department of mathematics, and President Whitfield is now negotiating for a suitable man to succeed Prof. Hughes as dean of the normal department.

Many of the teachers who have been spending the summer in distant cities and resorts have already arrived, and the college is already beginning to present quite an animated appearance. The college will be open for the reception of students tomorrow, and it is expected that by Tuesday the vast majority of the eight hundred young ladies who are to pursue their studies there during the coming session will have arrived.

Meeting of Cotton Exchange.

At the annual meeting of the Columbus Cotton Exchange which was held last Friday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. P. Phillips, president; G. W. Sherman, vice-president; Sidney Blum, secretary and treasurer. The president was empowered to appoint the different committees provided for by the constitution, and these committees will be announced within the next few days. The secretary was instructed to write letters to the superintendents of both the Postal and Western Union Telegraph companies and urge upon them the necessity for opening their local offices. The public generally, and especially the cotton men of Columbus, are being greatly inconvenienced by the lack of telegraphic facilities, and the Cotton Exchange will make strenuous effort to have the local offices of both the Postal and the Western Union reopened at an early date.

The following is a copy of the letter which Secretary Blum, in compliance with instructions from the Cotton Exchange, on yesterday addressed to the superintendents of both the Postal and Western Union Telegraph Companies:

"Dear Sir—The Columbus Cotton Exchange, at a called meeting held September 20th, directs me, their secretary, to ask that you take immediate steps to open your office here and put a competent operator in charge. Our business cannot be carried on except by wire. The cotton season is now open and cotton is pressing for sale. The buyers cannot place the cotton for want of a wire. The whole business of this city hinges on cotton, and everything will be at a standstill if the buyers cannot move the cotton. Your immediate attention to this request is urged and an answer asked for. Respectfully, "Sidney Blum, Secretary."

Opening of A. and M. College.

The regular session of the A. and M. College at Starkville opened last Wednesday, about eight hundred students having been present. The inaugural exercises occurred in the college chapel at ten o'clock Wednesday morning, having been opened with a reading of the Scriptures by Dr. Raymond, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Starkville, after which God's blessing was invoked by Dr. Weir. President Hardy then delivered a fine address in which he cordially welcomed the students and spoke with eloquence regarding the encouraging prospects for the session which is just beginning. Short talks were then made by Mr. Day, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association; Prof. Fore and Prof. Darnell, of the English department; State Senator W. W. Magruder, Hon. James Welborn, Col. Welborn, and Mr. Furman, the new physical director. Mr. Furman comes from Cornell University, and will coach the college football team during the coming season. The last speaker on the program was Prof. A. B. McKay, who for twenty-five years has been professor of horticulture at the college, but who has recently tendered his resignation and will open up a floral establishment. Prof. McKay expressed regret at leaving the college, and assured the faculty and students that the institution would ever occupy a warm place in his heart and that he would watch its future career with keen interest.

The college band rendered a number of selections throughout the progress of the exercises, its music having added materially to the pleasure of the occasion. As stated above, there were about eight hundred students present at the opening, and the senior class will number between seventy and eighty members. Under the able direction of President Hardy the institution has grown and prospered in a most gratifying manner, and the coming session promises to be the most prosperous in its history.

Safe Blower Visits Vernon.

Vernon, the county seat of Lamar county, Ala., was visited by a safe blower last Wednesday night, and two safes were blown open and robbed. The burglar first entered the store of Mr. J. M. Guyton, where he secured \$1,180, which was in Mr. Guyton's safe. He then went to the store of Mr. R. C. Cobb, where he secured about \$50 in cash and some valuable papers. The papers taken were notes, and are not of a negotiable character, but it is supposed that the burglar was in a hurry and swiped everything in sight without having taken time to make a close examination of the swag. From Mr. Cobb's store the crackman went to the home of Sheriff J. H. Hill, and rode to Gatman, a nearby station, on the Frisco Railroad, where the horse was found on the following day.

The robber did his work so quietly that none of the people knew anything of his nocturnal visit until the following morning. Late in the night sleepers heard a muffled noise, but the sound was not loud enough to cause alarm, and after merely turning over in their beds they resumed their slumbers.

Mr. J. M. Guyton, one of the victims of the robbery, is a brother of Mr. J. I. Guyton, of this city, and the latter went to Vernon Thursday to lend what aid he could in effecting the capture of the robber. Sheriff Rigdon, of Jefferson county, was appealed to for bloodhounds and sent his pack to Vernon to be used in the effort which is being made to track the robber.

T. B. Edwards, a man living in Monroe county, was arrested at his home Friday, charged with having committed the crime. He was followed by Sheriff Hill, of Lamar county, and a posse of citizens, with blood hounds, and the trail led across the mountains to his home. When arrested Edwards denied having been away from home, but a member of the sheriff's posse declared that he had seen him twenty miles from his home on the previous day. Edwards had no money on his person when arrested, and as about \$1100 was taken from the two safes at Vernon it is believed that he either had a pal or else has secreted the money in some place known only to himself.

Mr. Sam D. Harris is taking a vacation of a few days, which he is spending with his wife and little daughter at Muldon, who have been visiting Mrs. Harris' mother, Mrs. Sykes.

CIRCUIT COURT IS STILL IN SESSION

TOOK RECESS SATURDAY, BUT RECONVENED ON MONDAY AND WILL CONTINUE DURING WEEK.

Mrs. Ayres Gets \$6,000 from Southern Railway for Death of Her Husband—Street Car Company Wins Its Suit.

The first week of the September term of circuit court came to an end Saturday, practically the entire week having been devoted to the civil docket. The case of Mrs. Carrie D. Gerand vs. the Columbus Railway, Light & Power Company was taken up late Tuesday afternoon, and two days were consumed in its trial. Mrs. Gerand sued the defendant company for \$10,000, the suit having originated as a result of injuries alleged to have been sustained by plaintiff in a street car accident on the night of August 4th. Wednesday was devoted to the taking of testimony, and on Thursday morning the argument of the case began, addresses having been made on behalf of the defendant by Hon. Z. P. Landrum and Col. William Baldwin and on behalf of the plaintiff by Judge James T. Harrison. The jury retired shortly after three o'clock Thursday afternoon, and after having deliberated for a little more than an hour returned a verdict for the defendant.

Judge J. T. Harrison, counsel for Mrs. Gerand, stated yesterday that the case would be taken to the supreme court, Judge Cochran having signed a bill of exceptions yesterday morning.

The case of Mrs. Susie Ayres vs. the Southern Railway was settled by agreement between opposing counsel, a payment for \$6000 having been made against the defendant company. This suit was filed by Mrs. Ayres as a result of the death of her husband, Jas. M. Ayres, who was killed in an accident in the local yards of the Southern Railway last February. Mrs. Ayres was represented by Messrs. Arnold & Arnold, of Atlanta, while the interests of the Southern Railway were looked after by Mr. A. F. Fox and Hon. Z. P. Landrum.

Court adjourned at ten o'clock yesterday morning, and Judge Cochran left on the 10:30 train over the Mobile & Ohio Railroad for Meridian, where he will spend Sunday with his family. He will return to Columbus tonight, and when court reconvenes tomorrow morning the State docket will be taken up. The following cases had been disposed of up to the time of adjournment yesterday morning:

Lookout Planing Mill vs. Gilmer Hotel Company, assumpsit; dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

Lindamood & Puckett vs. Columbus Underwear Company, defendant; Columbus Insurance & Banking Co., claimant; jury and verdict for the claimant.

H. E. Johns & Co. vs. Columbus Underwear Company, defendant; Columbus Insurance & Banking Company, claimant, assumpsit; jury and verdict for claimant.

People's Ice & Cold Storage Company vs. Columbus Underwear Company, defendant; Columbus Insurance & Banking Company, claimant; assumpsit; jury and verdict for the claimant.

Southern Lime & Cement Company vs. L. J. Kelly, assumpsit; judgment by default for plaintiff.

Jesse Skipwith vs. Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, assumpsit; jury and verdict for defendant.

G. W. Mullins vs. Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, trespass; verdict for plaintiff for \$200.

Refuge Cotton Oil Company vs. F. A. Bell, assumpsit; judgment by default for \$281.20.

Report of Grand Jury.

The grand jury adjourned yesterday morning, after having been in session six days. The final report of the body, which was submitted to Judge Cochran just before court adjourned yesterday morning, states that the jury examined ninety-four witnesses and returned thirteen indictments. The report avers that the county and city are in a generally salutary condition, and compliments the Columbus police department on the efficient manner in which all the laws, and especially those pertaining to vagrancy and the illicit sale of liquor, are enforced.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPENED MONDAY

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY COMMENCED THEIR REGULAR FALL AND WINTER SESSION MONDAY.

This Will be the Inaugural Session of the J. M. Barrow Memorial School—Street Erected in East Columbus.

Monday witnessed the opening of the regular fall and winter session of the public school, and the day was one of unusual importance, as it marked the beginning of the inaugural session of the J. M. Barrow Memorial School, which was recently erected in East Columbus. This school was necessitated by the constantly increasing attendance, and at the unanimous request of the people was named in honor of the late J. M. Barrow, who devoted his life to educational work in Columbus and who did much to bring the public schools of the city up to their present high degree of efficiency.

A meeting of the public school trustees was held on Saturday, and Misses Catherine Shelton and Willie Drake were elected to fill the two vacancies in the public school faculties. Miss Drake will be in charge of the Air Line school, while Miss Shelton was assigned to duty at the Barrow Memorial School, which will be in charge of Mrs. Annie T. Sale as principal. Mrs. Sale will have as her assistants, in addition to Miss Shelton, Misses Allie Stevens, Maggie Gore, Dolly Locke and Laura Kennebrev. The furniture for the new school has all been installed, and everything is in readiness for the opening tomorrow morning.

Parents will be greatly interested in the rule which governs the attendance of pupils upon Franklin Academy and the Barrow Memorial school. This rule, which will rigidly be adhered to, is as follows: All children in and below the sixth grade living north of Main street will attend Franklin Academy; all children in and below the sixth grade living south of Main street will attend the Barrow Memorial School; all children in and above the seventh grade, irrespective of residence, will attend Franklin Academy. This rule will be in full force and operation from the beginning of the session, and Superintendent Cook requests the patrons of the schools to co-operate with him in maintaining a strict observance of the rule.

In addition to the erection of the new school in East Columbus, a number of badly needed improvements have been made at Franklin Academy, the most important of which being the installation of a modern heating and plumbing system. Both schools are in fine shape, and the session will be inaugurated under the most favorable auspices.

Currie to Run for Congress.

Hon. J. H. Currie, prosecuting attorney of the Tenth judicial district, has decided to enter the race for congress in the Fifth district, which is at present represented by Hon. Adam Byrd. Mr. Currie resides in Lauderdale county, and this county is in different congressional and judicial districts, being in the Fifth congressional and the Tenth judicial district. Mr. Currie has made an able and fearless prosecuting attorney, and the race between he and Judge Byrd will probably be very close. The election does not occur until next year, and no one has been mentioned as a probable candidate to succeed Mr. Currie as district attorney should he win out in the congressional race.

Lawn Party a Success.

The lawn party which was given by the Methodist Bible class on the Franklin Academy campus last Wednesday evening was an unqualified success. The entertainment was given for the benefit of the Methodist Orphans' Home at Jackson, and as a result of the sale of refreshments and a number of liberal donations the sum of \$206.30 was secured. The Methodists of the city wish to return thanks to all the good people who contributed to the success of the affair.

Mr. Thomas Locke, Jr., recently attended the Retail Grocers' Convention held in Vicksburg, and was a prominent member of that body, taking an active part in its proceedings.

Mrs. Marian Miller.

Busk, Texas, Sept. 12.—Mrs. Marian Miller, aged 82 years, died at her late residence here this morning. Mrs. Miller's husband, Mr. Jas. Miller, died about ten years ago. She was born in Scotland and came to America when about three years of age. She has lived in Texas about forty years, and lived here about thirty years. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, and one of the best women in this country. She leaves six children, to wit, Rev. C. Miller of Dallas, N. C.; Mr. J. A. Miller of Silsbee, Mr. B. R. Miller of Sugarland, Mrs. Minnie Miller of this place, Mrs. Belle Quinn, wife of J. K. Quinn, of Hughes Springs, Tex., and Mrs. Kate Maguire, wife of T. J. Maguire, of Baton Rouge, La. There never was a person lived here more universally loved than Mrs. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. James Miller came to Columbus in 1845 and resided here until 1868. Deceased will be remembered by many of the old citizens of Columbus, especially the Presbyterians, she having been a devoted member of the First Presbyterian church under the ministry of the lamented James A. Lyon, D. D. Mrs. Miller was a sister of Captain R. R. Speirs.

Compress Resumes.

Chancellor Hicks of Vicksburg has issued a temporary order permitting the Gulf Compress Company to continue its business in Mississippi pending the final settlement of the motion filed by District Attorney Thames praying that the company be dissolved and a receiver appointed. The district attorney claims that the Gulf Compress Company exists in violation of the anti-trust laws of the State, and therefore prays that the company be restrained from doing business in Mississippi and a receiver appointed. The case will be heard on its merits later, and in the meantime the company will be permitted to carry on its business as concerns the storage, weighing and delivery of cotton.

News of Chancellor Hicks' order reached here Friday, and the local plant of the Gulf Compress Company, which had been closed down since the temporary injunction was issued, immediately resumed business, and will continue to receive and receipt for cotton until the suit is finally settled.

The Cotton Market.

The cotton market seems to be gradually recovering the loss recently sustained as a result of the bearish nature of the government report. Prices are slowly but surely going upward, there having been an average advance of about ten points a day for several days past. At the close of business Saturday afternoon New York spots were quoted at 12.20, October futures in New York at 11.12, New Orleans spots at 11.7-8, and October futures in New Orleans at 11.28. In the local market middling was quoted at 11.2-8.

Mr. June Colvin, a most deserving young mechanic of this city, narrowly escaped death in the new bank building, where he has been at work, on last Friday. He was on the sixth story when the elevator was taken from under him suddenly, and he lost his balance and fell. Fortunately he caught on the fifth story and escaped with a few bruises.

Mr. W. C. McClure and wife returned last Thursday night from a trip to Webster county, where Mr. McClure was called to address the farmers of several points upon the subject of advanced farming methods. Mrs. McClure accompanied him on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bouchert have the sympathy of numerous friends in the illness of their little daughter, Lucy, who is quite sick at their home in East Columbus.

Dr. Jas. B. Long and family have arrived in the city to make Columbus their future home. They are domiciled in the Lanier cottage, which Dr. Long purchased some time ago.

Mr. T. J. Locke, Jr., has returned from a very successful trip on the road in the interests of the Manewall-Lange Biscuit Company.

Mr. H. Hatcher, assistant superintendent of the Southern Railway in Mississippi, has returned from a business visit to St. Louis.

Mr. W. H. Hatcher spent Wednesday last in Meridian on business.

COTTON STATES SEASON CLOSES

SIXTH CONSECUTIVE SEASON OF COTTON STATES LEAGUE CLOSED ON LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Columbus Played Final Game of the Season in Jackson, and Defeated the Elitist Tigers by Score of Two to One.

The sixth consecutive season of the Cotton States League closed last Wednesday, every one of the six clubs having played its allotted number of games, and the pennant having been won by Mobile. Columbus closed the season in Jackson and the Discoverers won the closing game by a score of two to one. Wheeler was in the box for the Columbians, and as usual the Jacksonians found it difficult to connect his drops and curves. Taylor and Montgomery having been the only two batsmen who touched him for safeties. At the beginning of the ninth inning the score stood one and one, but in the ninth Marshall hit safe, was sacrificed to second by Peyton, and scored on Adams' long drive.

The Discoverers disbanded in Jackson, Kunkle, Wheeler and Maunich having returned to Columbus, while the remaining players went direct to their respective homes.

While many reports regarding the changes in the Cotton States League have been circulated during the past few weeks, the latest statement on the subject, which though unofficial is probably correct, is to the effect that the league will remain intact. It has been persistently rumored that Mobile would be in the Southern League next season, but President Kavanaugh has stated that the only way in which the Gulf City could become a member of his official family would be to buy a franchise outright. The only franchise that could possibly be secured would be that of Birmingham, and as the owners recently put a price of \$20,000 on their holdings, which embrace practically nothing except claims to some players of average ability, it is hardly likely that Mobile will survive the March City in the Southern League.

As far as finances are concerned, the season has not been a success. Mobile having been the only club in the Cotton States League that has made any money. The promoters of baseball have always realized, however, that the majority of the cities composing the circuit are too small to warrant even the hope of a profit, but there are many fans in the different cities who love the game and who are willing to pay handsomely for the entertainment which a professional team affords. Notwithstanding the fact that Columbus has a losing team up to the last few weeks of the season, local fans patronized the sport liberally, and with the exception of Mobile the receipts were probably as great here as at any other point on the circuit.

While, as stated in a former issue of The Dispatch, no definite arrangements for the future have as yet been made, it is generally understood that Columbus will be in the league again next season, and it is more than likely that "Ace" Stewart will be retained as manager.

Bonner-Barnhill.

Mr. Burke A. Bonner, of Brooksville, and Miss Cassie Elizabeth Barnhill, of Macon, Miss., were united in marriage on the afternoon of September 5th at the Baptist parsonage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. A. Hewitt, of this city. The bride is a pretty and attractive young lady, who formerly resided in Columbus. Mr. Bonner is a prosperous young business man of Brooksville.

Miss Chausel's Millinery Opening.

Miss Elsa Chausel announces her opening for the fall and winter trade for Thursday night, September 26th, at eight o'clock p. m. She has this season one of the largest lines of millinery ever shown in the city, the line comprising all the late and stylish creations from Paris, New York and St. Louis. The ladies of this city and surrounding country are cordially invited to attend her opening.

Miss Loraine Street and Miss Loraine Street, Jr., who have been spending the summer in Chicago, have returned to Columbus for the winter.